

Application No. 10/645,349
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2006

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present application includes pending claims 1-33, of which claims 1, 5-10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 24-28 have been rejected. Claims 2-4, 11-13, 16, 18 and 21-23 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 29-33 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application and prosecute the cancelled claims 1-28 in the continuation application. Furthermore, the Applicants have rewritten objected to claims 2-4, 11-13, 16, 18 and 21-23 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The rewritten claims have been entered as corresponding new claims 34-44. Since new claims 34-44 correspond to the objected to claims 2-4, 11-13, 16, 18 and 21-23, the Applicants submit that new claims 34-44 are allowable.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the favorable consideration and allowance of claims 29-33.

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CONCLUSION

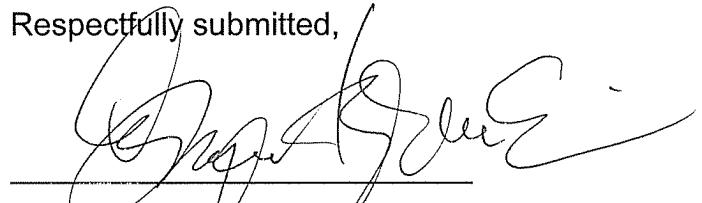
Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicants believe that claims 29-44 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview, and request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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